

## **IN THE ABSTRACT:**

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A parking brake system is provided in which a parking brake state is obtained by forward movement of a parking piston (44) slidably fitted into a casing (~~23~~) with the rear side of the parking piston (44) facing a parking control fluid pressure chamber (47), and the forwardly moved state of the parking piston (44) is mechanically locked by a lock mechanism (~~31~~). An insertion shaft (~~59~~) and a casing (~~23~~), which form part of the lock mechanism (~~31~~), are formed so as to position spheres (~~58~~) radially inward when the parking piston (44) is at a retreat limit and position the spheres (~~58~~) radially outward when a lock piston (~~56~~) moves to a forward position in response to forward movement of the parking piston (44) from the retreat limit, and a plurality of guide grooves extending in the axial direction of the insertion shaft (~~59~~) are provided on the outer face of the insertion shaft (~~59~~), the guide grooves having a concavely curved cross-sectional shape with a diameter that is equal to or larger than the diameter of the spheres (~~58~~). This enables an automatic parking brake state to be obtained by a simple structure without consuming power.